

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, DC 20268-0001

Periodic Reporting
(Proposal One)

Docket No. RM2016-7

CHAIRMAN'S INFORMATION REQUEST NO. 2

(Issued April 29, 2016)

To clarify the Postal Service's petition to consider a change in analytical principles, filed April 5, 2016,¹ the Postal Service is requested to provide written responses to the following questions. Answers to each question should be provided as soon as they are developed, but no later than May 11, 2016.

1. Please refer to the response to question 2 of Chairman's Information Request No. 1, which states that the expected number of observations of an average letter post expansion stratum is 10.9, and 9.2 for parcel post.²
 - a. Please clarify how many parcel post expansion strata and letter post expansion strata will exist in a fiscal year.
 - b. Please clarify how precise and robust the regression estimators for each expansion stratum are, given the low average number of observations cited above.
2. Please provide a sample spreadsheet applying the proposed expansion and control methodology to SIRVO data as referenced in the Petition, Attachment A at 6-7.

¹ Petition of the United States Postal Service Requesting Initiation of a Proceeding to Consider Proposed Changes in Analytical Principles (Proposal One), April 5, 2016 (Petition).

² Responses of the United States Postal Service to Questions 1-6 of Chairman's Information Request No. 1, April 25, 2016.

3. Please refer to the Petition, Attachment A at 6, which states: "Under the model, the regression estimator is reduced to the ratio estimator." Please explain how the regression estimator is reducible to the ratio estimator.

By the Acting Chairman.

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